

James P. Rice

Captain, Medical Corps, U. S. Navy

Captain James P. Rice became the Commanding Officer Medical Treatment Facility aboard the USNS Mercy (T-AH 19) in May 2007. He received a Bachelor of Science degree from Washington State University and attained his Doctor of Medicine degree from Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He completed his internship in 1984, and in 1989 fulfilled his internship and residency requirements in general surgery at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland.

Captain Rice's commanded Naval Hospital Corpus Christi, Texas from June 2005 to May 2007. Previous assignments Executive Officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam; Director of Surgical Services of Fleet Hospital 8; Medical Department Officer, USS Nassau (LHA 4); Ship's Surgeon, USS Saratoga (CV 60); and general surgeon and Head at both Naval Hospital Bremerton, Washington and Naval Hospital Jacksonville, Florida.

Operational leadership commands include Team Leader Primary Mobile Medical Augmentation Readiness Team, Officer in Charge, USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group; Officer in Charge, Fleet Surgical Support Team 8, USS Peleliu (LHA 5). Surgeon and Officer in Charge, Amphibious Squadron (COMPHIBRON); Assistant Senior Medical Officer and Ship's Surgeon, USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67); and Officer in Charge, Forward Surgical Team Army Forces Central Command-Kuwait.

Captain Rice's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medal, in addition to unit, service, and campaign awards.